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SUBJECT: SPAIN AND NATO

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1. MR. OTTINO CARACCILO DE FORINO, AN ITALIAN NATIONAL WHO IS HEAD OF THE PLANS AND POLICY SECTION OF THE FORCE PLANNING DIRECTORATE UNDER ASYG MUMFORD, CONTACTED DEFAD INFORMALLY ON AUGUST 31 TO SAY THAT HE REPEAT HE THOUGHT AN INVITATION TO VISIT SPAIN, TENDERED TO HIMSELF AND THE HEAD OF THE NATO PRESS SERVICE, DAVID R. KYD, A BRITISH NATIONAL, MIGHT BE USEFUL IN FOSTERING SPANISH-NATO CONTACTS. CARACCILO STRESSED THAT THE VISIT SHOULD BE LOW KEY. HE NOTED THAT IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO DEAL WITH A NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODY BUT THAT DEALINGS WITH A MID-LEVEL GOVERNMENT BODY (I.E., CESEDEN OR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON NATO) MIGHT ALSO BE APPROPRIATE.

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2. IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH A MISSION OFFICER, CARACCILO, WHO REPORTEDLY SPEAKS FLUENT SPANISH, INDICATED THAT WHAT HE WAS PROPOSING WAS PRESENTATION IN MADRID OF THE TYPE OF DETAILED NATO BRIEFING GIVEN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE TO SELECTED VISITORS TO NATO HQS. NOTING THAT HIS SUGGESTION HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED, HE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT SYG LUNS WOULD BE FAVOR-

ABLY DISPOSED TO ACCEPTING SUCH AN INVITATION DIRECTED TO THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE ON A "ROUTINE, NON-POLITICAL BASIS", ESPECIALLY IF APPROACHED IN ADVANCE BY THE US.

3. COMMENT: WHILE CARACCIOLO'S IDEA IS SOMEWHAT SELF SERVING(HE WANTS TO REPLACE KOREN, THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION), WE SEE SOME MERIT IN HIS SUGGESTION. WE DOUBT THAT CARACCIOLO AND KYD COULD PROVIDE THE SPANISH WITH MUCH IN THE WAY OF SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION THAT THEY DO NOT ALREADY HAVE, BUT WE NEVERTHELESS BELIEVE THE VISIT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE IN THAT IT WOULD REPRESENT A DIRECT NATO-SPANISH CONTACT (SEE REFTEL). FURTHERMORE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SPANISH HAVE EXPRESSED A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN FORCE PLANNING, WHICH IS CARACCIOLO'S SPECIALTY. WE WOULD NOT FAVOR APPROACHING THE SPANISH, HOWEVER, UNTIL WE HAVE SYG LUNS' ASSURANCES IN HAND THAT SUCH AN INVITATION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE (THIS WOULD ALSO PROVIDE AN OCCASION TO RAISE WITH SYG THE ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL CAREFULLY PACED CONTACTS BETWEEN THE SPANISH AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF). AS TO THE MOST APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR SUCH A PRESENTATION, WE FAVOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON AND EMBASSY MADRID'S REACTION TO CARACCIOLO'S SUGGESTION AND, IF REACTION IS FAVORABLE, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROACH SYG LUNS ON THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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